

**Two-day International Seminar**  
**On**  
**Socio-cultural Assimilation in Northeast India and Southeast Asia**  
**Organized by**  
**Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Jhanji Hemnath Sarma College**  
**Sivasagar, Assam, India**  
**In collaboration with**  
**UGC approved Gandhi Study Centre, Jhanji HNS College**  
**Assam College Principals' Council, Assam**  
**Institute of Tai Studies and Research, Moranhat, Assam**  
**and**  
**Krishak Nyash, Gaurisagar, Sivasagar, Assam**  
**On**  
**30 April & 01 May, 2018**

**Introduction:**

A two-day International Seminar on “Socio-cultural Assimilation in Northeast India and Southeast Asia” is being organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Jhanji Hemnath Sarma College, Sivasagar, Assam, India in collaboration with UGC approved Gandian Studies Centre, of this college; Assam College Principals’ Council, Assam; Institute of Tai Studies and Research, Moranhat, Assam and Krishak Nyash, Gaurisagar, Sivasagar, Assam on 30 April and 01 May, 2018. The seminar will be conducted in plenary sessions and presentations by participants (followed by discussions) in technical sessions. Provisions for poster presentations will be there. Proposals for presentation at the seminar are welcome from teachers, research scholars, academicians and persons engaged with various aspects related to the broad theme of the seminar. Participants may present their seminar papers in English, Assamese, Hindi, Sanskrit and Thai language. Papers from participants registered through early bird mode will be published in the form of a book having ISBN.

**Concept Note:**

Southeast Asia or Southern Asia, a sub-region of Asia, consists of two geographic regions located at the south of China, East of India, west of New Guinea, and North of Australia. These are – (a) Mainland Southeast Asia, comprising Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and West Malaysia and (b) Maritime Southeast Asia, comprising Indonesia, east Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, East Timor, Brunei and three independencies, viz., Christmas Island, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Cocos (Keeling) Islands. The region covers about 44,93,944 sq. kms., which is about 10.5% of Asia and 3% of the earth’s entire land area. Southeast Asia is a culturally and ethnically diverse region where hundreds of languages are spoken by different linguistic groups. Ten countries of the region are members of ASEAN, a regional organisation established for economic, political, military, educational and cultural integration among its members.

Northeast India or North Eastern Region of India (NER) is the easternmost region of India comprising of eight states, viz., Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. The region, covering an area of about 2,62,230 sq.

kms., shares more than 4,500 kms. of international border with Tibet in the north, Myanmar in the east, Bangladesh in the southwest and Bhutan in the northwest. India's Look East Connectivity Projects connect Northeast India to China and ASEAN.

Moreover, this region has strong ties with Southeast Asia in terms of culture and heritage. It is rare and very interesting to find cultural practices of one community being performed by another in a different nation. For instance, different festivals celebrated in both of the regions have striking similarities. One of the reasons for this similarity between the two regions is migration. Tai Ahoms, Tai Khamyang people presently inhabiting in Assam migrated from Southeast Asia during the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The Tai language also entered Northeast India (the then Kamrupa) with these migrations. Remarkable similarities are also observed in food habits, dress and ornaments of these groups of people with Southeast Asian nations.

Most Southeast Asian people were engaged in worship of the ancestors, nature and spirits. But after the region came into contact with the Indian sub-continent during the 1<sup>st</sup> century, through Indian Brahmins and traders, the animist belief systems were gradually supplanted by Hinduism and Buddhism. Shaivism, which was the dominant religious tradition of many southern Indian Hindu kingdoms, spread into Southeast Asia via Bay of Bengal and co-evolved with Buddhism there. Theravada Buddhism entered the region through maritime trade routes and Sri Lanka during the 3<sup>rd</sup> century and became a dominant branch of Buddhism in the Mainland Southeast Asia.

Southeast Asia has remained an important point of world trade. Spice trade from India was crucial in increasing the importance of the region as a business hub. Agriculture and tourism are important factors contributing to the economic development in the region.

This international seminar is expected to bring to the fore ground the strong association between Northeast Indian and Southeast Asia, on which both regions may capitalise to create a flourishing and synergetic tourist and trade economy. Cultural ties between the regions may be made stronger and more productive. Immense prospects lie ahead for cultural, economic and educational exchange between Southeast Asia and Northeast India. Thus, the theme of this seminar has vast possibilities of fruitful discussion on a range of sub-themes, where scholars, academicians and stake-holders will get a chance to deliberate on the theme. It will usher prospects of newer exchange and collaboration in cultural, economic and educational spheres between Northeast India and Southeast Asia by minutely examining different pros and cons.

### **Aims/ Objectives:**

The objectives of the proposed seminar are:

- To bring to the fore ground the issues such as socio-cultural assimilation in Northeast India and its relation with Southeast Asia.
- To explore the literary and linguistic similarities of the two regions.
- To evoke responses from scholars and experts towards the social, economic and educational prospects in the concerned regions.
- To contribute to the better understanding of cultures of the two regions for enhanced cooperation in every field.

**Sub-themes:**

- Socio-cultural Assimilation in Northeast India
- Linguistic Interaction among Northeast India and Southeast Asia
- Indian Literature and Southeast Asia
- Influence of Indian Religious Heritage in Southeast Asia
- Legacies of Renowned Indian Philosophers in Southeast Asia: Buddha, Sankardeva and M. K. Gandhi
- Folk Identity in Fabric Design and Ornaments in Northeast India and Southeast Asia
- Economic Prospects of Northeast India and Southeast Asia
- Diaspora Studies in Northeast India and Southeast Asia
- Ethnic Inter-relation in Northeast India and Southeast Asia
- Educational Scenario in Northeast India and Southeast Asia
- Historical Importance of Southeast Asia in the Politics of Northeast India
- Geomorphology and Environment of Northeast India and Southeast Asia
- Any other topic related to the theme of the seminar

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- Those who wish to participate in the conference without paper presentation may kindly wish to communicate their desire to do so by sending an email to the organisers at **insem2018@gmail.com** by 25 March, 2018. They will then be informed about the registration process.
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### **Registration Guidelines:**

- All participants (including paper presenters) will have to register for the conference by submitting a filled-in signed Registration Form (which will be sent to them along with the letter of acceptance of their proposal where applicable) from 25 March, 2018 to 15 April, 2018, along with a non-refundable Registration Fee as per the details given below.
- Early Bird Registration Fee for Participants including Research Scholars: Rs. 2,000.00
- Spot Registration Fee for Participants including Research Scholars: Rs. 2,500.00
- Registration Fee for NRI participants and Participants from abroad: \$75 (Seventy-five US dollars)
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- The Registration Fee includes fees for lunch and refreshments for the days of the seminar, seminar kit and the certificate of participation.
- The participants may also register on the spot at 8.30 am on 30 April, 2018.
- The participants will have to bear their own travel and accommodation expenses. The organizers will, however, provide the participants with all the help required in finding accommodation in hotels in Sivasagar and Jorhat. The participants may contact the organisers in this regard at least 7 days before the seminar. Paper presenters whose proposals, in the form of abstracts, are received by e-mail will be intimated by acknowledgement letters via e-mail.
- Paper presenters whose proposals, in the form of abstracts, are accepted for presentation will be sent acceptance letters via e-mail.
- Selected papers will be published in the form of a peer reviewed book with ISBN.

### **Important Dates:**

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- Notification of acceptance of abstracts: **30 March, 2018 onwards**
- Submission of full paper: **10 April, 2018**
- On the Spot Registration: **30 April, 2018**

**Registration Form**

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